



Monthly Public Meeting
Monday, August 14, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Washington, DC 20002

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STANDING REPORTS & ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS

Welcome & Reports

- Call to Order & Roll Call Comm. Saucedo-Guzman 07:00 PM

Present: Commissioners Arbuckle, Rhodes, Roblin, Cobb, Saucedo-Guzman, McCullum, Henderson, May; Blacknell (after 7:33pm); Absent: Commissioner Blacknell (until 7:33pm). Commissioner Saucedo-Guzman confirmed that 5D has quorum and called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. 22 participants were engaged as of 7:30pm.

- Adoption of the Agenda Comm. Saucedo-Guzman 07:05 PM

ANC 5D voted 8-0-0 (motion: Saucedo-Guzman; second: Roblin) to adopt the agenda as presented.

- Adoption of the [Minutes](#) Comm. May 07:10 PM

ANC 5D voted 7-1-0 (motion: May; second: Saucedo-Guzman; opposed: Henderson) to adopt the meeting minutes as presented.

- Treasurer’s Reports: Comm. Cobb 07:15 PM
 - Monthly Reports: [June](#), [July](#)
 - [FY23 Q3 Report](#)

Commissioner Cobb shared monthly reports for June and July. For June, he reported an opening balance of \$34,125.59, no income, \$374.64 in expenses (the largest expense was the one-year renewal for the website), and a closing balance of \$33,750.95. For July he reported an opening balance of \$33,750.95, net expenses of \$350.59, and a closing balance of \$33,400.36.

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Commissioner Cobb also presented the FY23 quarterly report for Q3 (April-June). Comm. Cobb reported an opening balance of \$31,454.76, receipts totaling \$3714.54; expenses totaling \$1,418.35, and a closing quarterly balance of \$33,750.95.

ANC 5D voted 7-1-0 (motion: Cobb; second: May; opposed: Henderson) to approve the FY23 Q3 quarterly financial report as presented.

Per Comm. Saucedá-Guzman, ANC 5D voted in November 2022 to pay Iliá Mercer, who held an internship role from November 2022 to April 2023, for administrative work related to meeting minutes from the prior term. Accordingly, Ms. Mercer invoiced ANC 5D for a total of \$3,360.

Also, per Comm. Saucedá-Guzman, Ronald Dixon is an attorney who conducted work related to ABRA cases for ANC 5D. Accordingly, Mr. Dixon invoiced ANC 5D for \$3,752.65.

ANC 5D voted 6-1-1 (motion: Cobb; second: Rhodes; opposed: Henderson; abstention: May) to approve both invoices as presented to the Commission.

Standing Presentations (5-8 minutes; 2 minutes for questions)

- Commissioner Reports (3 min each) ANC 5D Commissioners 07:20 PM
- 5D01: Comm. Arbuckle reported no major updates this month.
- 5D02: Comm. Rhodes shared that the EPA continues to monitor the chemical plant in Ivy City. She also noted that there is a 150th birthday celebration planned for Ivy City this September.
- 5D03: Comm. Roblin shared plans to host an in-person SMD meeting at ANC 5D’s office in Union Market on August 21, 2023. Comm. Roblin is also looking for people interested in joining a community clean-up group and to help save stray cats. She will regularly host SMD meetings on the first Monday of each month.
- 5D04: Comm. Cobb shared no updates at this time.
- 5D05: Comm. Saucedá-Guzman shared that the rain today (Aug. 14) caused some flooding

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on Mt. Olivet Rd NE. Along with Comm. Cobb, Comm. Saucedo-Guzman is planning a trash pickup for this Saturday, August 19th and encourages anyone interested to reach out. Comm. Saucedo-Guzman also encouraged people to join ANC 5D's nascent Trash Committee and the Fifth District citizen's advisory council (CAC) for MPD.

- 5D06: Comm. Henderson reported that she held several meetings with Commander Altieri about crime concerns, a walkthrough with the DOB director regarding overgrowth, and a meeting with Councilmember Phil Mendelson. A portion of Comm. Henderson's report was inaudible due to a poor internet connection. She also suggested that she is working on a petition to activate the National Guard to patrol the streets of D.C.
- 5D07: Comm. McCullum shared that he is off camera because he's battling the flu. Comm. McCullum reported that he hosted Mayor Bowser for a public safety walk earlier this month and also hosted the interim director of the Department of Buildings - together, they have an action plan for several problematic construction projects. Comm. McCullum co-hosted a resource fair with Councilmember Parker's office on July 27th - it was a successful event that engaged the group of people who frequently congregate at 19th St NE and Benning Rd. NE. Comm. McCullum also shared that he and Comm. Blacknell have decided to co-host a fall fest in October. Comm. McCullum encouraged residents to continue speaking up when they see issues or concerns and thanked fellow Commissioners for collaborative support working with agencies.

Commissioner Blacknell joined the meeting as of 7:33pm, at which point all 9 members of ANC 5D were present.

- 5D08: Comm. May that an all-way stop sign will be installed at the intersection of 19th St NE and M St NE before the end of September and that 17th St NE between Benning Rd. NE and Bladensburg Rd. NE will be paved in late August.
- 5D09: Comm. Blacknell did not share any comments.

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- Public Safety Report 5th District Metropolitan Police Dept. 07:45 PM

Captain Jerome Merrill shared recent crime statistics from the last 60 days (due to ANC 5D’s July recess). Captain Merrill noted that a recent arrest related to thefts in Trinidad resulted in the return of some stolen property; that person has remained in custody and robberies in the area are down since the arrest. Captain Merrill also shared that MPD is dealing with issues related to the men’s shelter on New York Avenue and in Union Market, where MPD is working on traffic patterns with DDOT.

Commissioners asked an array of questions about particular incidents, including a homicide at 1919 I St NE, the types of robberies that have occurred recently, a recent spike in auto thefts being committed by juveniles in Ivy City. Captain Merrill suggested that members of the public who own Kia or Hyundai vehicles acquire a steering wheel club to act as a deterrent.

Commissioner Arbuckle asked for more details about robberies in Union Market and Captain Merrill noted that the easy in-and-out access to the area made it difficult to respond to robberies. He shared that increased patrols and an increase in bicycle units has helped.

- Executive Office of the Mayor Christopher Ingram 08:00 PM

Staff from the Mayor’s Office were not present.

- Ward 5 Councilmember’s Office Oliver Stoute 08:10 PM

Carlos McKnight from Councilmember Parker’s office joined in place of Oliver Stoute. Mr. McKnight shared details about the upcoming Ward 5 Day on August 26th on the Turkey Thicket campus. He also shared some of the preceding events, including happy hours, an outdoor movie at Union Market, a community bike ride and more!

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security and responsible service. Finally, Mr. Martino shared that alcohol sales add a critical 15% to his restaurant's bottom line, which is critical to paying the salaries of six full-time staff members.

ANC 5D voted 9-0-0 (motion: Saucedo-Guzman; second: May) to offer a letter of support to Mr. Martino and Aboveground for a stipulated liquor license.

- R: Yard Sign Purchases Comm. Saucedo-Guzman 08:55 PM

Comm. Saucedo Guzman presented regarding yard signs that a community volunteer designed for ANC 5D to promote its weekly meetings alongside community resources. They requested ANC 5D vote to authorize a purchase of 95 yard signs (roughly 9 signs per SMD) from FastSigns for a total of \$1,430.00.

Commissioner Henderson expressed concern over the cost of the signs and requested that ANC 5D consider other quotes; Commissioner Saucedo-Guzman asked Commissioner Henderson why she had not previously engaged in any of the repeated conversations about developing yard signs for ANC 5D.

ANC 5D voted 8-1-0 (motion: Saucedo-Guzman; second: Rhodes; opposed: Henderson) to purchase 95 yard signs once designs are approved at the upcoming COW meeting.

- Payment Authorizations Comm. Cobb
 - [Intern](#): \$3,360.00 (Nov 2022 - Apr 2023)
 - [ABRA Attorney](#): \$3,752.65 (Sept 2022 - Feb 2023)

These payments were authorized during the Treasurer's Monthly Report section of the meeting.

- R: [WMATA Metro Study](#) Comm. Cobb 09:10 PM

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Commissioner Cobb presented a letter to WMATA related to its recent Capacity and Reliability Study, which considers future expansion of the Metrorail system and specifically encourages WMATA to adopt “Alternative 5” which would deliver Metrorail service to Ivy City, the Starburst Plaza and Fort Lincoln, delivering critical transit infrastructure to Ward 5 and enhancing equity within the transportation network.

Commissioner Henderson requested that ANC 5D table the resolution until the September meeting to allow her to host a meeting with residents of her SMD for further discussion.

ANC 5D voted 8-1-0 (motion: Cobb; second: Saucedo-Guzman; opposed: Henderson) to approve the letter to WMATA as presented.

See the final letter on minutes w/ attachments for more details.

- R: [Supporting Traffic Bills](#) Comm. Cobb 09:25 PM

Commissioner Henderson objected to the process Commissioner Cobb followed in presenting the resolution, alleging that it was drafted secretly or only discussed at the COW, which she says she is scared to attend. Commissioner May clarified that the resolution was shared with all Commissioners on August 3, 2023 and also with the public when the agenda was posted one week ago.

ANC 5D voted 8-1-0 (motion: Cobb; second: May; opposed: Henderson) to approve the resolution related to critical traffic safety legislation as presented.

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- SL: [Bladensburg Road Study](#) Comm. Cobb 09:35 PM

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Commissioner Cobb presented a resolution related to the Bladensburg Road redesign, which generally supports the preferred alternative along with four key suggestions for safety improvements. Commissioner Henderson shared her opposition.

ANC 5D voted 7-1-0 (motion: Cobb; second: Blacknell; opposed: Henderson) to approve the resolution related to the Bladensburg Road Multimodal Access & Safety Study as presented.

See the final resolution on minutes w/ attachments for more details.

Community Feedback & Questions (10-20 min)

09:40 PM

Josie Thurston-Watson shared her disappointment at certain Commissioners choosing not to attend meetings. She also asked if there was any way to report disrespectful behavior from ANC Commissioners and Commissioner Saucedo-Guzman noted that she could file a complaint with the Board of Ethics.

Several other members of the community, including Skip Keats, shared that information about the Bladensburg Road Multimodal Access & Safety Study was widely distributed.

Adjournment

10:00 PM

ANC 5D voted 9-0-0 (motion: Saucedo-Guzman; second: Rhodes) to adjourn the monthly public meeting at 9:52pm.

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